

SEIU-West member takes reins of Saskatchewan Labour Movement

Regina – Saskatchewan's labour movement has a new leader! Lori Johb was chosen as the new President of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour (SFL) at their annual convention on October 25, 2018.

"I'm so excited to take on this role," said Lori Johb, an SEIU-West front line health care provider and SFL President. "I'm ready to build off our past successes and continue to fight for the rights of working people in Saskatchewan."

Johb has had many roles in the labour movement in Saskatchewan since the 1990s. In SEIU she has served as a shop steward, course facilitator, unit chair, and executive board member. She has served on the Executive Council of the SFL, first as a Vice-President, since 2010 as Treasurer, and now as President.

"I am so proud to know Lori personally," said Lisa Zunti, a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and member of SEIU-West. "I think all workers of this province, unionized or not, should be happy to have her in their corner. She is a fierce defender of health and safety in the workplace."

Lori's interest in workplace health and safety runs deep. She has been instrumental in the work that SEIU-West does in the area of educating members, has been the workplace health and safety committee chair, and has worked as a labour representative on Saskatchewan Association of Safe Workplaces in Health (SASWH).

"We've had the privilege of witnessing Sister Johb's growth as a leader first hand since she became involved in her unit in Leroy, Saskatchewan," said Barbara Cape, President of SEIU-West. "She has evolved over the course of years and it has led to this day."

Johb began working at Lerose Lodge in LeRoy in 1988 and was recruited almost immediately to become a shop steward and was instrumental in the creation of the SEIU-West Worker Safety Committee.

"We understand that we have to share her with a bigger group of people now," admitted Cape. "But we know that she's ready for this huge step and I believe she will be a breath of fresh air for the labour movement in Saskatchewan and in Canada."

For more on Lori's labour movement involvement, read her interview that appeared in the Fall issue of the SEIU-West newsletter *'The Front Line'* – An interview with Lori Johb and the Ladder of engagement (http://www.seiuwest.ca/an_interview_with_lori_johb_the_ladder_of_engagement).

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